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Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The Secretary-General has received notification of the resignation of Toshihiro Aiki (Japan) from the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, effective 15 August 2015. Accordingly, the General Assembly will be required to appoint, at its current session, a person to fill the vacancy for the remaining period of the term of office of Mr. Aiki, which expires on 31 December 2016.

2. The Government of Japan has nominated Takeshi Akamatsu to fill the vacancy arising from the resignation of Mr. Aiki.

3. In a communication dated 10 July 2015, the Secretariat was informed by the Chair of the Group of Asia-Pacific States that the candidature of Mr. Akamatsu had been endorsed by the Group.

4. The candidate's curriculum vitae is contained in the annex to the present note.

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Annex

Takeshi Akamatsu (Japan)*

Present position

Minister, United Nations Administrative and Budgetary Affairs Section, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations

Academic background

1988 Graduated from Kyoto University, Faculty of Law (International Law)

Professional background

1988	Joined Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1989	Embassy of Japan in France
1991	Embassy of Japan in Republic of Zaire
1992	Ocean Affairs Division
1995	Development Cooperation Division
1996	Deputy Director, subsequently Principal Deputy Director, Development Cooperation Division
1998	Principal Deputy Director, Overseas Public Relations Division
2000	Principal Deputy Director, United Nations Administration Division
2002	Deputy Chief, Okinawa Liaison Office
2004	First Secretary, subsequently Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Japan to the European Union
2007	Senior Coordinator, Aid Policy and Management Division
2009	Assistant Press Secretary/Director, International Press Division
2010	Director, First Africa Division
2012	Special Representative and Head of Office, Liaison Office of the Government of Japan, Republic of South Sudan
2013	Ambassador, Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Embassy of Japan in South Sudan
2015	Minister, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations

* Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing.

Mr. Akamatsu has served in the Japanese Foreign Service for more than 27 years, during which he has developed extensive knowledge and experience regarding, inter alia, public administration and the international development agenda, as well as Africa. He is proficient in English and French.

Mr. Akamatsu, as Principal Deputy Director of the United Nations Administrative Division, as well as Senior Coordinator of the Aid Policy and Management Division, in the Japanese Foreign Ministry, dealt extensively with United Nations administrative and budgetary issues, covering budgetary and administrative aspects of various United Nations funds and programmes. He now leads the Japanese Fifth Committee team in New York during the sixty-ninth session.

His nomination as the first Ambassador of Japan to the Republic of South Sudan, following his posting as the Director of the First Africa Division, is a proof of his extensive knowledge of the African continent. As Ambassador, he has maintained and enhanced cooperation with the United Nations Mission in South Sudan on the ground, in which he played a decisive role in the dispatch of the Japanese Self Defence Force contingent while he was the Director of the First Africa Division.

Mr. Akamatsu has a wide knowledge of development issues based on his experience both in the field and at Headquarters; his thorough understanding of development issues has also been cultivated through the coordination of Japan's official development assistance (ODA) programmes covering both bilateral ODA and multilateral cooperation through various international agencies.